

Application Serial No. 10/542,913
Reply to the Office Action of May 15, 2007

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6. (Canceled)

Claim 7. (New) A method for producing hydroxyalkyl(meth)acrylate, comprising:
reacting (meth)acrylic acid and an alkylene oxide in a reaction vessel that is equipped with a blowdown ball valve to produce a hydroxyalkyl(meth)acrylate; and
at the conclusion of the reaction, opening the blowdown ball valve in order to discharge the product produced from the reactor.

Claim 8. (New) The method of producing hydroxyalkyl(meth)acrylate of claim 7, wherein the hydroxyalkyl(meth)acrylate is hydroxyethyl(meth)acrylate.

Claim 9. (New) The method of producing hydroxyalkyl(meth)acrylate of Claim 7, wherein a conduit is located at the base of the reaction vessel.

Claim 10. (New) The method of producing hydroxyalkyl(meth)acrylate of Claim 9, wherein said ball valve is located in said conduit through which the contents of the reaction vessel are discharged.